



**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Department of Commerce



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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

**In the Matter of the Certificate of Need Application for the  
Hollydale 115 kV Transmission Line Project  
in the cities of Plymouth and Medina, Hennepin County**

**PUC Docket Number: E002, ET2/CN-12-113**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Minnesota Department of Commerce has completed an environmental report (ER) for the proposed project. The ER analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives to the project.

The ER, and all material constituting the official record for the certificate of need, can be found on the eDockets system at: <https://www.eDockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>; search on the year “12” and number “113.”

Electronic versions of the ER and selected other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department’s energy facility permitting website:  
<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=32919>

The ER is available for review at the following locations:

**Plymouth Public Library**  
15700 36th Avenue N  
Plymouth, Minnesota 55446

**Long Lake Library**  
1865 Wayzata Boulevard W  
Long Lake, Minnesota 55365

**Project Description.** Xcel Energy and Great River Energy (the Applicants) propose to remove approximately eight miles of the existing GRE-owned 69 kV overhead transmission line BD, construct a new 115 kV overhead transmission line in its place, construct an additional eight-tenths of a mile of new 115 kV overhead transmission line, construct a new Pomerleau Lake Substation in the city of Plymouth, and modify associated transmission facilities in the cities of Medina and Plymouth, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

The proposed project is designed to meet the electrical needs of the Plymouth and Medina area. The ER prepared for the Certificate of Need proceeding provides an overview of human and environmental impacts related to construction and operation of the proposed project and various alternatives identified through the environmental review scoping process.

**Project Contacts.** If you have questions or would like further information about this project, please contact:

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